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Please accept this settlement. The charges levied against Microsoft are brought on behalf of competitors and not consumers. Microsoft is a stabilizing force that allows me to know which programs will work with my computer and allows less technical people to have a "breed" of software that they are familiar with. Without that, the industry is likely to fragment and become less secure, predictable, and valueble to businesses and consumers. Microsoft has already attempted to rectify many of the behaviors that have been at issue in the case and this settlement will ensure that they continue to do so. The states that are agains the settlement have no real stake in this case. They're simply attourneys general trying to make a political name for themselves. The DOJ knows that its time to put this issue to bed, as do half the states. Given the economic and social conditions today, it's in everyone's best interest to move on to more pressing issues.